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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Since the Federal Bureau of Investigation conducts personnel security investigations for the Central Intelligence Group, it appears proper and desirable to advise you fully as to CIG's present and future program and policy covering personnel security investigations.

When, at the request of CIG, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation agreed to conduct investigations of personnel considered for employment by CIG, it was stipulated by the FBI that such investigations would be of a standard type designed solely to establish the security of the candidate. Such investigations are most important in the administration of the Central Intelligence Group, now comprise and will continue to represent the major part of all investigations which must be conducted. However, in implementing certain

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cause of the background of the candidate, an abbreviated investigation or check is deemed sufficient or special handling of the case appears desirable.

To provide the means for conducting special personnel investigations such as those referred to above, Special Operations, CIG, has established a small group of investigators listed below, as a section of its Security Branch.

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In the conduct of their personnel investigations, these representatives presently employ cover credentials furnished by the [REDACTED]. These representatives will be utilized solely for the purpose of conducting security investigations of CIO personnel as outlined above and will not perform any inquiries and investigations relative to other individuals or foreign groups within the United States.

If this staff should be augmented in the future because of increased special requirements, pertinent information will be promptly furnished you.

Sincerely,

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